would again have spoken in excuse of certain of his speeches, but was again interrupted, and so began to apply himself to his devotions which he managed with a deal of fervour , and then making a solemn profession of his creed, and asking pardon of God and the Queen, he was despatched by the executioner

After him Sir Gilly Mernck suffered in the same way, and with a most undaunted resolution , for, as if he were weary of living longer, he once or twice interrupted Cuffe and advised him to spare a discourse, which however rational was not •very seasonable when he was taking leave of the world He cleared the Lord MountJoy "from having any acquaintance with the design, and intreated those noblemen who stood by to intercede with the Queen that there might not be any further proceedings against such as had unwarily espoused this unhappy cause

i6th March THE CITY WATCHES DISMISSED

The Council have sent a letter of thanks to the Lord Mayor very graciously accepting of the great pains taken by the citizens in performing in these tumultuous times the extraordinary watches and wards that have been kept The extraordinary watches at the gates are now dismissed

MR BACON TO WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF THE LATE TROUBLES*

Mr Francis Bacon is instructed to draw up a particular account of the late troubles and to this end the Attorney hath sent him the confessions and examinations of the accused

i$tb March THE EXECUTION OF SIR CHARLES DANVERS AND SIR CHRISTOPHER BLOUNT

Sir Charles Danvers being brought from the Tower unto the new built scaffold upon Tower hill, ascended the

place wondrous cheerfully, saluting many of his friends And learning that the Lord Grey was there on horseback near the scaffold he spake to him, saying that the enmity which he had borne him carne not of any injury but by reason of his love for the Earl of South-ampton, and now very heartily and humbly he besought the Lord Grey to forgive him Then the Lord Grey said, * I do forgive you with all my heart and intreat you that it may not trouble you at this time but to proceed in what else you have